

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 8, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In the specification, the paragraphs [0006], [0008] and [0092] have been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

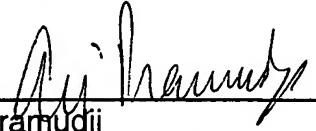
Claims 1, 9-11, 17 and 18 have been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Claim 1 has been amended to correct matters of form. Claims 2-8, 12-16, 19-22 and 24 have been amended to clarify the invention. New claim 26 has been added to more clearly recite aspects of the invention. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments and new claim presented herein. The amendments and new claim have been made in a good faith effort to advance prosecution on the merits. The amendments and new claim are not presented to distinguish a reference, and thus, the claims as presented are entitled to a full range of equivalents.

Claims 2-8, 12-16 and 19-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 2-8, 12-16, 19-22 and 24 have been amended to overcome the § 112, second paragraph rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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